

Amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 15
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Requested by Senator Greg Lind

For the House Business and Labor Committee

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1. Page 1, line 14.

Following: "that"

Insert: "may"

2. Page 1, line 19.

Following: "hospitals"

Insert: ", after which Congress allowed the federal moratorium to elapse and terminate"

3. Page 1, line 20.

Strike: line 20 in its entirety

Insert: "WHEREAS, some members of Congress, as well as some members of the Montana Legislature, have indicated an interest in further examination and study of these issues during the biennium."

4. Page 1, lines 26 and 27.

Following: "(1)"

Strike: "analyze" on line 26 through "system" line 27

Insert: "study and analyze the comparative impact of private or nonprofit and community-based hospitals compared to physician-owned or privately owned health care facilities and specialty hospitals as defined in 55-5-101, on Montana's health care system"

5. Page 1, line 30.

Following: "facilities"

Insert: "and specialty hospitals"

6. Page 2, line 1.

Strike: "that these facilities provide"

Insert: "provided by physician-owned and privately owned health care facilities and specialty hospitals"

7. Page 2, line 2.

Strike: "and"

8. Page 2.

Strike: lines 3 and 4 in their entirety

Insert: "(c) the comparative cost of services rendered by the private facilities and specialty hospitals compared to the nonprofit, community-based hospitals;

(d) the range of health care services provided by each of the above-described providers in each category;

(e) the effects and unintended consequences of prohibitions on physician self-referral, which has the meaning provided in subsection 6(a), on recruitment and retention of physicians;

(f) the impacts of specialization on segments of health care with respect to costs and quality and access to care;

(g) the impacts from deviating from federal law on establishment of specialty hospitals by physicians and by for-profit and nonprofit entities; and

(h) the comparative impact on a community's health care safety net of the operations of health care providers in each of the above-described categories;

(2) study and examine the nonprofit status of nonprofit, community-based hospitals in Montana, including but not limited to the cost and expenses of operation of the facilities;

(3) examine studies and reviews of the viability and operations of physician-owned and privately owned health care facilities and specialty hospitals conducted by other state and federal study commissions and authorities;

(4) study and examine ownership and employment by nonprofit and for-profit, community-based hospitals of primary care health care providers, including physicians and their clinics, diagnostic imaging facilities, and other ancillary services;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

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